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## **CIVIL AIR PATROL CREDITED WITH FINDING MISSING HELICOPTER**

Frankfort - Members of the Kentucky Wing of the Civil Air Patrol responded to an actual mission yesterday during a weekend training exercise. Over 70 CAP members, working out of CAP Headquarters and the Capitol City Airport in Frankfort, were taking part in a bi-annual evaluation by the United States Air Force when tasked to locate a missing helicopter in the Cincinnati Airport area.

Three Wings (Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio) of the CAP were notified around 2:30 pm Saturday by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center that Cincinnati Air Traffic Control had lost contact with the helicopter after granting a request for a lower altitude due to poor weather conditions. Because the Kentucky Wing already had aircraft in the air and ground teams at the ready, they were requested to take the lead in the search.

The CAP aircrew got a hit on an electronic locator beacon (ELT) approximately ten minutes after being re-tasked from their training mission. A non-CAP aircraft at a higher altitude confirmed the ELT hit and shortly thereafter, the CAP aircrew located the crash site. The pilot of the CAP crew was then able to direct fire personnel to the scene using standard air-to-ground communication maneuvers and the crew continued to monitor the area from the air until local law enforcement personnel also arrived on scene.

Lt. Col. Joe Brickman, Incident Commander for the weekend training exercise and the mission, praised all of those involved in the location effort "for the quick response and immediate focus on the task at hand. Being able to shift from training mode to actual mission mode, and accomplishing the mission quickly and safely, truly showed how well CAP personnel are trained."

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 58,000 members nationwide. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 72 lives in fiscal year 2009. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 23,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 68 years.

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